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Letter From the Chairman

Primary Election Day is almost here and already 2008 is proving to have plenty of surprises in store. While the national focus is on the Presidential nominating process, and notably more of the politics as usual bickering between Clinton and Obama, here in Cuyahoga County you can sense that change is in the air.

In this issue you will read about two of our high profile campaigns: Jim Trakas taking on Congressman Dennis Kucinich, and Debbie Sutherland seeking to become the first Republican elected Cuyahoga County Commissioner since Jim Petro. It's been over a dozen years since Cuyahoga County has had a Republican at the helm, and almost exactly that long that Congressman Kucinich has represented the area in Washington. **Do you believe that our region is better off now than it was 12 years ago?**

The Republican Party of Cuyahoga County devoted a lot of time, ink and emails last year to try and stop the **wasteful pork barrel spending by our County Commissioners of over \$200 Million** on the County Administration Building project at the old Ameritrust complex. Finally, when the local media spotlight was turned on the issue and the heat got too hot, the Commissioners got out of the kitchen and thankfully sold the property off to a private developer, wasting only a few precious million taxpayer dollars.

A few million here, a few million there. It's not the first, and it will not be the last, time these Democrat Commissioners throw good money after bad and hope the public doesn't look too hard at the record.

Then we've got Congressman Kucinich, an embarrassment to our region and to the august body in which he serves. As if appearing on Syrian TV to denounce American interests while refusing to honor the heroes of 9/11 and those who lost their lives on that fateful day, Kucinich has

proceeded on his lone quest to impeach President Bush and Vice President Cheney. Even his own party refuses to support these destructive efforts – pretty telling isn't it, that even upon the Democrats becoming the majority party in Congress, **Kucinich still hasn't passed a single piece of legislation.**

Thankfully the RPCC has an experienced, competitive slate of candidates ready to take charge and bring about change. These candidates will need your help to promote the good government principles upon which this Party stands. Whether by volunteering for phone banks, literature drops, door to door activities or writing letters to your local publications, I ask you to get even more involved to help get them elected.

P.S. – As you can see from the picture below we would like to welcome home Lt. Michael Dovilla. We are grateful for your service to this country and we feel blessed that you and so many of your comrades have returned safely home to Cuyahoga County. Together with you we pray for those who have given their lives and those still fighting overseas. **Welcome Home Michael!**



Welcome Home Michael Dovilla!
"Michael Dovilla returns from Iraq"

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Candidate Spotlight



**James
Trakas**

Finally, there is hope for Cleveland's West Side and Western and Southern Suburbs! Former GOP Chairman and State Representative from the 17th District, Jim Trakas has recently announced his candidacy for the 10th Congressional District seat currently held by Dennis Kucinich, and has been endorsed by The Republican Party of Cuyahoga County. Kucinich has occupied the seat since 1996 but has made virtually no positive impact for the district.

Trakas states "Congressman Dennis Kucinich has had twelve years to accomplish his goals but has fell far short of serving his constituents, or keeping any of his promises." Jim believes that "now is the time for strong, common sense leadership within the district and in Washington, to be an effective voice and provide desperately needed help to Greater Cleveland."

The Trakas Agenda highlights economic improvement for our region, focuses on national security issues, and how common sense conservatism will benefit Greater Cleveland and the nation. Trakas's plan emphasizes economic rejuvenation of Ohio's industrial base, fuel cells to revolutionize energy needs, a massive restructuring of the regulatory and tax environment to assist American employers. In addition, he will demand private sector based reforms to the health care industry that will inspire the people of District 10 and lead to improvements in our lives. Jim Trakas says to "Demand More!" of a public servant who makes \$169,300 a year and cannot even show up for work or pass bills into law.

Trakas holds a B.A. in Social and Behavioral Science from The Ohio State University. He served two terms in the Independence City Council, as well as four terms in the Ohio General Assembly. Trakas' vast experience in policy and politics, make him an outstanding candidate to finally defeat one of Cuyahoga County's most embarrassing and ineffective elected officials. While Congressman Kucinich recently returned from his hopeless campaign to become president, Trakas has already gotten to work. The campaign is planning to knock on over 100,000 doors and call over 250,000 people. If you would like assist on the campaign please e-mail jim@jimtrakas.org.



**Mayor Debbie
Sutherland**

Peter Lawson Jones has found a formidable opponent in Mayor Debbie Sutherland in the upcoming Cuyahoga County Commissioner's race. Mayor Sutherland officially announced her intentions to enter this race in December 2007 and if elected, she will be the first Republican County Commissioner since Jim Petro in 1994. Sutherland says she entered the race because she "simply cannot continue to watch our current Commissioners waste taxpayers money, squander opportunities to move this region forward and accept mediocrity." Mayor Sutherland has an accomplished past; she has served as Mayor of Bay Village since 2000, formally she served 4 ½ years as a City Council representative and was elected President of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association in 2006. She has been an advocate for regional cooperation, alternative energy and economic development. In addition, she assisted on many civic and philanthropic groups including, Cuyahoga County Public Library and Board of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities. As Mayor, Sutherland pushed for and received a new police station, started the first new commercial development in Bay Village in 30 years and worked with Avon Lake to construct a joint City Community gym. If you would like to help Mayor Sutherland's campaign please e-mail vote4debbie@yahoo.com.

RPCC Candidates

Congressional:

10th -James Trakas
 11th - Thomas Pekarek
 14th – Steve LaTourette

State Senate:

18th – Tim Grendell
 24th - Tom Patton

State Representative:

7th – Beverly Valencic
 8th – Jerry Powell
 9th – Charles Drake
 11th – Rosalind McAllister
 12th – Bryan Glencer
 13th – Mary-Louise Kirk
 14th – David Morris
 15th – Craig Niederriter
 16th – Nan Baker
 17th – Josh Mandel
 18th – Robert Spada
 98th – Matt Dolan

County Offices:

Commissioner:
 Deborah Sutherland
Prosecutor:
 Annette Butler
Clerk of Courts:
 Burrell Jackson
Recorder:
 Cathy Luks

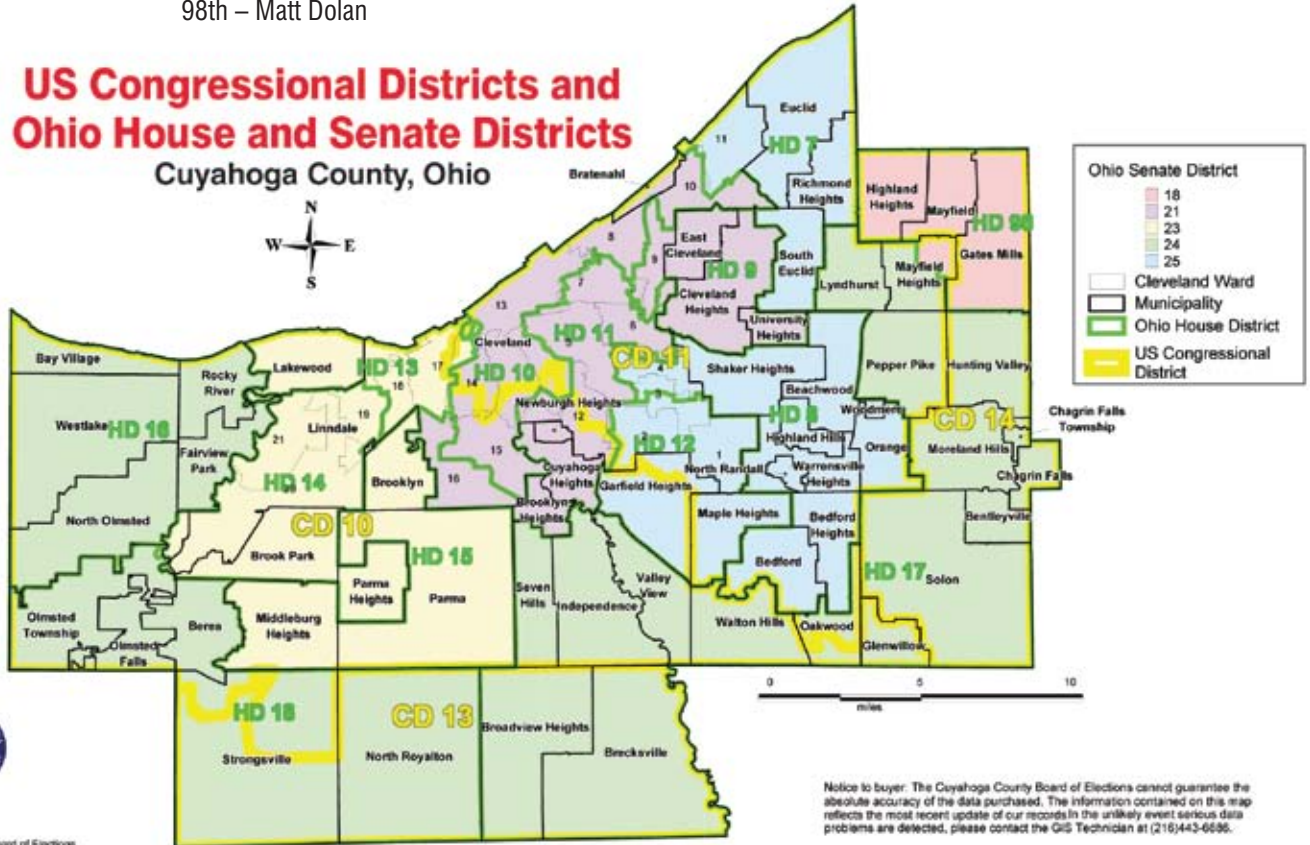
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 Evelyn Lundberg Stratton
 Maureen O'Connor
8th Appellate:
 Brain Moriarty
Court of Common Pleas:
 Richard McMonalge
 Robert C. McClelland
 Sam Zingale
Probate:
 Kathleen Ann Sutula

Euclid Municipal:

Council President:
 John Conway
Council Ward 1:
 Christopher Gruber
Council Ward 6:
 Mike Akos
Council Ward 7:
 Daryl Langman
Council Ward 8:
 Madonna Weeks

US Congressional Districts and Ohio House and Senate Districts Cuyahoga County, Ohio



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2008 is a great year for everyone to get involved. If you are interested in assisting any campaign or just want more information, listed are the Republican Presidential Candidates contact information.

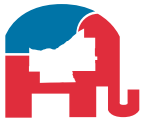
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February & March Upcoming Events

Thursday February, 7th, 2008

North Royalton Republican Club Meeting
7:00 PM
North Royalton Public Library, 14600 State Rd.
Contact: Ken Wolnik 440-237-3055

Monday, February 11, 2008

Strongsville Republican Club Meeting 7:00pm
Strongsville Public Library, 18700 Westwood Dr.
Contact: Dave Gusman: 440-846-0413

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Euclid Republican Club Meeting 7:00pm
Euclid Public Library, 631 E. 222nd St.
Contact: Mike Akos: 216-289-6453

Wednesday, February 13th, 2008

Seven Hills Republican Club Meeting
7:30 PM
Seven Hills City Hall, 7325 Summitview Dr.
Contact: Pete Draganic: 216-328-1351

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Parma Republican Club Meeting 7:30pm
Parma Memorial Hall, 6617 Ridge Rd.
Contact: Pat Wright: 440-842-6121

Monday, February 18, 2008

Brooklyn Republican Club Meeting
7:00pm
Brooklyn Senior Center, 7727 Memphis Ave.
Contact: George Johnston: 216-749-7764

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Lyndhurst Republican Club Meeting 7:30pm
Lyndhurst Community Center, 5301 Mayfield Rd.
Contact: Lillian Turjanica: 440-442-1371

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Berea Republican Club Meeting 7:00pm
Berea Public Library, 7 Berea Commons
Contact: Phil Henry: 440-234-4832

Thursday February, 28th, 2008

Annette Butler candidate for County Prosecutor
: Join Annette Butler to kick off her run for
County Prosecutor at XO in the Warehouse
District. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
XO Steakhouse at 500 St. Clair Ave.
Contact: Annette Butler at 216-851-3259

Friday, February 29, 2008

Cleveland Ward 4 Republican Club : Enter at the
rear, off of East 118th St 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Buckeye Dev Corp (BAD) Building, 11802
Buckeye Rd.
Contact: Dave Bailey 216-496-2946

MARCH

Thursday March 6th, 2008

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